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(BASED ON PCT/JP05/00308)  
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THROMBUS FORMATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination of the application, please undertake the following changes.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.